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Education Department Awards \$2.3 Million in Grants for Community Learning Centers

The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) has awarded \$2.3 million in grants to establish or expand community learning centers in five school districts.

These 13 grants, part of the 21st-Century Community Learning Centers Initiative, were awarded to:

- The Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program, in partnership with Dorcas Place, Providence. \$151,384
- Newport Community Schools, at Rogers High School. \$200,000
- Newport Public Schools, at Cranston-Calvert Elementary School. \$200,000
- New Urban Arts, at Central High School, Classical High School, and Textron Chamber of Commerce Academy, Providence. \$126,105
- Pawtucket School Department, at elementary- and middle-school sites. \$200,000
- West End Community Center, in partnership with the Providence After School Alliance, at Gilbert Stuart Middle School, Providence. \$175,000
- YMCA of Kent County, at John F. Deering Middle School, West Warwick. \$194,620
- CVS Highlander School, in partnership with City Arts, Providence. \$200,000
- Providence Housing Authority, in partnership with the Providence After School Alliance, at Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School. \$175,000
- John Hope Settlement House, in partnership with the Providence After School Alliance, at Samuel W. Bridgham Middle School. \$175,000
- Blackstone Academy Charter School, Pawtucket. \$135,585
- North Kingstown School Department, at elementary- and middle-school sites. \$200,000
- YMCA of Greater Providence, at Anthony Carnevale Elementary School. \$185,612.

These grants are to provide before-school, after-school, vacation-time, and summer programs for children and youth. The programs offer academic support, enrichment, recreation, and family-engagement services. With the new awards, there are now 24 agencies in Rhode Island that operate 21st-Century Community Learning Centers that serve a total of 8 school districts and 55 school communities. The grants are funded by the federal Title IV program under the No Child Left Behind Act. RIDE awarded the 13 grants through a competitive application process.

RIDE administers the 21st-Century Community Learning Centers program and provides technical assistance and professional development to the grant recipients to ensure that the programs are of high quality, that they are linked to academic achievement, and that they are aligned to the state standards for afterschool programs.

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